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May 13, 2020

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

I write in support of an application submitted by the Port of Everett for the U.S. Department of Transportation's *Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants* program for the Mills to Maritime Cargo Terminal project.

The Port of Everett is requesting funds to construct a new cargo terminal, named the Norton Terminal, on a recently acquired mill site. This project would support and enhance maritime commerce on the National Freight Network, in a city whose growth is tied to international trade and the movement of goods. It would expand Container-on-Barge (COB) service to the region. COB service would reduce the amount of trucks on the congested interstates between Everett and the ports of Tacoma and Seattle while reducing shipping costs and diesel emissions.

The Norton terminal would meet the upland space requirements that are required to be designated a strategic seaport. The project would ensure compatible land use with Naval Station Everett to prevent encroachment concerns, as the property adjoins both Naval Station Everett and the Port of Everett. Lastly, it would restore the brownfield property back to productive maritime freight uses, including short-sea shipping.

Thank you for your consideration of the Port of Everett's application. Please contact Bree Rabourn in my Seattle office at 206-553-0724 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator

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